

LIGHT AND FOG-SIGNAL STATION, MAUMEE BAY, OHIO.

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MAY 24, 1898.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union and ordered to be printed.

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Mr. WANGER, from the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 8725.]

The Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, having duly considered the bill (H. R. 8725) to establish a light and fog-signal station at the outer or lake terminus of what is known as the Straight Channel, in the Maumee Bay, near Toledo, Ohio, at a cost not to exceed \$75,000, respectfully report the same to the House with a recommendation that it pass, and append as part of this report a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury recommending such action.

Access to Toledo Harbor is now afforded to deep-draft lake vessels through the Straight Channel, which has been dredged and improved by the Government at great expense. A permanent light and fog-signal station is now urgently required to mark the outer edge of this channel. The lake commerce of Toledo is large and increasing.

The foregoing paragraph contains the reasons assigned for submitting the estimate of appropriation to Congress by the Secretary of the Treasury, and the work is regarded by the Light-House Board as being the most important of the fixed aids to navigation recommended for construction in the Tenth light-house district.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT,  
*Washington, D. C., March 7, 1898.*

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a letter from your committee, dated March 1, 1898, inclosing H. R. bill No. 8725, providing for the establishment of a light and fog signal station at or near the terminus of what is known as the Straight Channel, in Maumee Bay, near Toledo, Ohio, and asking suggestions touching the merits of the bill and the propriety of its passage.

In reply I beg leave to state that the matter was referred to the Light-House Board, which reports that an item for the establishment of the light and fog signal in question was recommended in its annual report for 1897, on page 149, and in the estimates recently submitted to Congress, and that it therefore recommends the passage of the bill.

Respectfully, yours,

L. J. GAGE, *Secretary.*

CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE ON INTERSTATE AND FOREIGN COMMERCE,  
*House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.*